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ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers,

MUSIC: Quartet, Rangers' Song.

ANNOUNCER: One of the important jobs of the United States Forest Service is the management of the ranges on our National Forests and the development of methods for improving range conditions. In many of our western National Forests large areas are suitable for the grazing of livestock, and the restoration of depleted ranges and maintenance of a well-vegetated condition is of the utmost importance. It is essential to more effective and stable livestock production, to more adequate protection of watersheds against abnormal run-off and erosion, and to assuring food for wildlife, as well as enhancing other forest values. Of the several systems of revegetation developed by research in the Forest Service, a system of deferred and rotation grazing has proved to be a very effective low-cost method applicable to many western range conditions. Simply stated, it consists of deferring grazing on a part of a range unit each year until the most important palatable forage plants have attained a vigorous growth. The research and experiments of the Forest Service in range management are of importance not only for National Forest ranges, but for the entire livestock industry.

Well -- here we go to the Pine Cone National Forest again. We arrive in the morning, to find Ranger Jim Robbins at his desk in the office of the Ranger Station. And Jerry Quick, the assistant Ranger is just coming in the door ---

DOOR OPENS AND CLOSSES

JERRY: (FADING IN) Here's the mail, Jim.

LETTERS AND PAPERS DROP ON DESK.

JIM: Anything special?

JERRY: No. But I just heard something down at the Post Office that'll make you sit up.

JIM: What's that?

JERRY: They say Jess Palmer made a deal this morning with the Double Z outfit for a grazing lease on the ranch where Lew Grady's been running his sheep for the last ten years.

JIM: But I thought Lew had a lease on the Double Z range.

JERRY: He did have. But it ran out last week and he hasn't renewed it yet. They say Jess Palmer heard about it and asked the Double Z outfit if they'd do business. And, by golly, they signed the papers this morning.

JIM: Didn't Lew have an option?

JERRY: They said he didn't. And he didn't call 'em or write 'em about renewing, so they just made a deal with Jess.

JIM: Well, you can't blame 'em much for that.

JERRY: Jess said the Double Z tried to get hold of Lew to ask him what he wanted to do. But they couldn't reach him.

JIM: I knew Jess was looking around for more range. He asked me last month if I could increase the allotment on his National Forest grazing permit.

JERRY: We've got all the stock we can carry on our range now, haven't we, Jim?

1. JIM: Yes, we can't take a chance on overgrazing with the range
2. as dry as it is now.
3. JERRY: Lew's going to have to find some place to graze those
4. extra acres he's always run at the Double E.
5. JIM: It won't be an easy job, this late in the year.
6. JERRY: Wait till he hears Jess got the jump on him. There'll
7. really be trouble.
8. JIM: Doesn't Lew know about it yet?
9. JERRY: I don't think he does. But I expect he'll be coming to
10. town tonight to see what it's all about.
11. MUSIC TO AND OUT
12. FADE IN 3.3. OF PEOPLE GATHERED IN GENERAL STORE
13. ANDY: How much else you got on your list, Jess?
14. JESS: (MIDDLE AGE RANGERS, THREE) How 's you oranges this week,
15. Andy? If they ain't no better'n last week, I don't want
16. none.
17. ANDY: Got good time once now, Jess. They just come in yesterday.
18. JESS: That's what you said last week.
19. ANDY: Well, these is really good. I've et some myself.
20. JESS: You have? -- Well, I'll take a chance on a couple dozen.
21. ANDY: (WRITING) Two dozen oranges -- Now what else? -- Hi there,
22. Lew. I'll wait on you just as soon as I finish with Jess.
23. LEW: (FADING IN MIDDLE AGE RANGER EASY GOING IN CONTRAST WITH
24. JESS) I got a thing or two to say to Jess, myself.
25.

1 JESS: I been expectin' to see you most any time, Lew.

2 ANDY: (FADING) I'll git them oranges, Jess.

3 LEW: Come outside, Jess. I wanta talk with you.

4 JESS: I ain't got nothin' to say that can't be said right here.

5 LEW: Suits me --- You made a deal with the Double Z to take

6 over the range where I been grazin' my sheep for ten years.

7 JESS: Your lease ran out last week.

8 LEW: But I was figurin' on renewin' it. And you know I was.

9 CROWD GRADUALLY SUBSIDES TO COMPLETE SILENCE

10 JESS: You didn't have no option. And the Double Z boys tried to

11 git hold of you.

12 LEW: That don't make no difference. You knew I was figurin' to

13 own that range like I always have.

14 JESS: You should of let 'em know about it.

15 LEW: (WITH RISING ANGER) Maybe I should. But they wouldn't have

16 give you a lease to run your sheep on it if you hadn't

17 gone after 'em and high-pressured 'em for it.

18 JESS: I never did no ---

19 LEW: You did too. You knew I was to the city last week. That's

20 why you made the deal while I was gone.

21 JESS: I did no such thing. You had plenty of time to make a deal

22 with 'em if you was goin' to.

23 LEW: Don't think you're gettin' away with it. You'll be sorry

24 you ever run a single sheep onto that range. I'm tellin'

25 you.

1. JESS: It ain't no fault of mine if you're a poor business man.
2. LEW: I ain't so smart at business, but I don't try to gyp my
3. neighbors when they got their backs turned.
4. JESS: You ain't man enough to take a lickin' when somebody
5. outfiggers you. That's all that's the matter with you.
6. LEW: I'm man enough to show you a trick or two, Jess Palmer.
7. I'm tellin' you right now you'll be sorry you ever seen
8. the Double Z range.
9. MUSIC UP AND OUT:
10. LEW: (FADING IN) I had to see you some time this morning, Jim.
11. JIM: Glad you came in, Lew. Have a seat.
12. LEW: I s'pose you heard that Jess Palmer got the jump on me for
13. the lease on the Double Z range.
14. JIM: Yes, I did.
15. LEW: I seen him down at Andy Goodman's last night.
16. JIM: Yes, I heard that, too.
17. LEW: I been in the city for the last week, gettin' some business
18. outa the way, and I figured on seein' about the range when
19. I come back. But Jess seen I wasn't around and made the
20. deal before I got to 'em. Now I'm up against it for
21. another place to graze the rest of my sheep.
22. JERRY: How many were you grazing on the Double Z, Lew?
23. LEW: Close to a thousand head.
24. JIM: That's quite a lot of sheep to be runnin' on that Double Z
25. range.

1. LEW: Yesterday noon, Jim?

2. JIM: Last time I saw it, it looked like it was in mighty poor

3. condition. Like you'd have pratin' more sheep on it than

4. it could feed.

5. LEW: I used to run pretty near fifteen hundred head on it,

6. JIM: That's what's wrong with it now. You can't graze a

7. range as hard as the pale of your hand, if you expect it

8. to feed your stock year after year. The range won't grow

9. that fast.

10. LEW: I know that range is kinda worn out, Jim. And now that I

11. gotta git some more room for my sheep, could you let me

12. use some more range on the National Forest?

13. JIM: Well, I wish I could do it. But we've got a dozen ranchmen

14. callin' to graze their stock on the forest when somebody

15. releases a permit.

16. LEW: Well, how about this? I been grazing part of my hands on

17. the National Forest for several years. Could you increase

18. the number of sheep on the range allotment I got now, to

19. take care of these hands I don't have any range for?

20. JIM: Well, your permit is up to the limit now. The range would be

21. overgrazed if we let in any more sheep. You know I'd like

22. to do it for you. But we just don't have the range.

23. LEW: Well -- I guess the only thing I can do is try to make do

24. on my own place 'till the range gives out,

25. JIM: Is the range on your own place in bad condition?

1. LEW: It's pretty poor. I've had my sheep on it all winter.
2. JIM: Lew, if you'd be more careful with the way you graze your
3. sheep, you might be able to take care of more of 'em on
4. your own range.
5. LEW: How do you mean, Jim?
6. JIM: If you'd do like I've told you before -- if you'd let your
7. sheep drift from one camp to another -- bed down in a
8. different place every night, instead of coming back to the
9. same place -- you'd save a lot of your forage from being
10. cut up by the animals when they trail back and forth
11. across it. Naturally they'll trample a lot of range, if
12. they're driven across it time after time.
13. LEW: Well -- I might try it some time, Jim.
14. JIM: Now's the time to try it, Lew. If it's not too late
15. already. You've got some bad spots on your range that
16. ought to have a chance to come back before they're grazed
17. again. Don't let your sheep get to 'em. There's nothing
18. but low value weeds on those places now, anyway. You may
19. even have some poisonous plants there that'll kill off your
20. stock.
21. LEW: Well, I'll think about it, Jim--
22. JIM: Jess Palmer and a few others around here will find they're
23. going to run into the same thing -- I heard Jess lost some
24. sheep this morning. That may be what happened to 'em.
25.

1. LEW: Yeah --- Well, I'll talk to you about it later, Jim.
 2. Maybe we can work out something if you'll give me a hand
 3. on it.
 4. JIM: All right, Lew, any time you say.
 5. LEW: I gotta drop by the store and pick up some fertilizer.
 6. (FADING) Andy said he'd have it settin' out for me.
 7. MUSIC UP AND OUT
 8. DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES OFF
 9. ANDY: Hooey, Lew. I got that Chile saltpeter all set out for
 10. you. It's on the loadin' platform back of the store.
 11. LEW: (FADING IN) All right, Andy. My truck's around the side
 12. of the store. Can I go out the back way?
 13. ANDY: Sure. Sure. Five sacks was what you said, wasn't it?
 14. LEW: That's right.
 15. ANDY: You just go right out through that open door there.
 16. You know the way. Sylvester's out there. He'll help
 17. load it. But you ain't in any hurry, are you.
 18. LEW: I've got to get back to the place. I want to get some of
 19. this nitrate spread before dark.
 20. ANDY: Found any place to graze them sheep of yours?
 21. LEW: Not yet. I was going to ask you if you know of anybody
 22. that's got range to lease.
 23. ANDY: Ain't heard of none.
 24. LEW: (FADING) Well, if you hear of any, let me know.
 25. DOOR OPENS OFF:

1. ANDY: Sure will. Don't hurry off.

2. LEW: (OFF) See you later, Andy.

3. ANDY: (CALLING AFTER HIM) Have you seen anything of Jess Salmer

4. lately?

5. DOOR SLAMS SHUT

6. JESS: (FADING IN) Talkin' about me, Andy?

7. ANDY: Jess! -- I didn't know you was here, Jess. When did you

8. come in?

9. JESS: I just came in the front door.

10. ANDY: No wonder I didn't see you. I was talkin' to Lew Grady. --

11. He was just goin' out the back door.

12. JESS: I thought that was him.

13. ANDY: I --- I -- was -- I -- well, what can I do for you today?

14. JESS: I need a can of smokin'.

15. ANDY: Sure. Here 'tis right here. I keep your kind handy all

16. the time. Lotsa fellas around here uses it -- Did you

17. wanta see Lew? He's out back loadin' some saltpeter.

18. JESS: I ain't got nothin' to say to Lew Grady -- What did you

19. say he was loadin' -- saltpeter?

20. ANDY: Yeah, he bought five sacks. Gonna spread some of it today.

21. he said.

22. JESS: Five sacks of saltpeter -- huh?

23. ANDY: Yep. That's what he got.

24. JESS: That'd kill a powerful lot of sheep if they was to find it

25. scattered around the ranges like salt ---

1. ANDY: It sure would -- I heard tell of it happenin' back in the
2. old days of the range wars. I know one fella that killed
3. off over five hundred head of sheep that was owned by a
4. fella that done him --

5. JESS: Andy? --

6. ANDY: What say, Jess?

7. JESS: Give me a box of 30-30 shells -- I may be doin' a little
8. huntin' most any time now.

9. MUSIC UP AND OUT

10. ANNOUNCER: It begins to look as if there's trouble brewing among
11. Ranger Jim's neighbors. Next week at this same time Uncle
12. Sam's Forest Rangers will bring you the final episode in
13. this story of a feud on the western range -- Uncle Sam's
14. Forest Rangers comes to you every Friday on the Farm and
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